until 8th August, 1989.

A team of senior officers of the Ministry of External Affairs has visited Singapore recently and held detailed discussions with the concerned authorities with a view to minimise the cases of illegal entry/ overstay of Indians in Singapore.

Running of private cars as taxis in Delhi

203. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the running of thousands of private cars as taxis in Delhi duping the Exchequer of huge revenue annually ;

(b) if so, whether any exercise has been made by Government to know the number of unlicensed private cars being run as taxis in Delhi, the persons involved, and the extent of the annual revenue loss being suffered by the Exchequer as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RA-JESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) Delhi Administration have informed that as and when any private car is found being used as a taxi, it is prosecuted by the Delhi Traffic Police. From 1-1-89 to 30-6-89, 166 private cars were found being used as taxis. The prosecutions have been launched against them. The checking exercise is done on a continuing basis, and violations are dealt with in accordance with the regulations.

Since definite number of private cars being operated a« taxis in Delhi is not possibly ascertainable, the extent of annua; revenue loss cannot be worked out.

204. *[Transferred to the 21th July* 1989].

205. *[Transferred to the 25th July,*

f WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 18TH JULY, 1989.

Plan to increase the production capacity of Defence Units

*1. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to increase the production capacity of the existing defence units to meet the defence need and to aoid giving any order to the private sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof : and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) Plans for increasing production in existing defence units, and setting up of new units, are designed to meet the needs of the Defence Services for sophisticated products, involving high technology. Such plans are also designed to utilise the existing industrial infrastructure in the country, including that in the private sector.

It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details of the plans on the needs of the Defence Services.

t The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the 18th July, 1989 was adjourned after Obituary References. Answers to questions put down in lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday the 19th July, 1989.